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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG DATA INITIATIVE

- 1. FRG ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH INFORMED AN EMBOFF ON APRIL 1 THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO SUGGEST AN APPROACH TO THE DATA DISCUSSION AT THE APRIL 5 SPC MEETING. RUTH SAID THE FRG REP WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE USDEL ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 4 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.
- 2. THE KEY IDEA WHICH THE FRG WILL ADVANCE INVOLVES BOTH SIDES LAYING FIGURES ON THE TABLE AS THEY CORRESPOND TO THE RESPECTIVE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS WOULD MEAN THE WEST WOULD OFFER TO TABLE THE US FIGURE PLUS A COLLECTIVE FIGURE FOR THE OTHER WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. THE EAST WOULD THEN GIVE FIGURES FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION.

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3. AS A NEXT STEP, THE ALLIANCE COULD ALSO CONSIDER DISAGGREGATING WESTERN FIGURES FURTHER. FOR EXAMPLE, US FIGURES COULD BE PRESENTED AS TWO CORPS OR FIVE DIVISIONS. THE NON-US DIRECT PARTICIPANTS COULD ALSO TABLE FIGURES FOR THE COMBINED TOTAL OF THEIR FIELD ARMIES AND FOR THE COMBINED TOTAL OF THEIR TERRITORIAL

ARMIES.

- 4. THE EAST WOULD BE REQUESTED TO TABLE THEIR DIVISIONAL STRENGTH, EITHER X NUMBER OF DIVISIONS AT X STRENGTH AND Y NUMBER OF DIVISIONS AT Y STRENGTH, OR ELSE THEY COULD INDICATE THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS BY STATE, E.G., SOVIET UNION 27 DIVISIONS. RUTH ALSO THINKS THERE MAY BE MERIT TO CONSIDERING TABLING OF DATA DISAGGREGATED BY COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES.
- 5. FINALLY, AN ADDITIONAL TASK FOR NATO TO CONSIDER, IN THE FRG'S VIEW, IS TO DEVELOP AN OVERALL, STRATEGIC APPROACH TO THE DATA DISCUSSION TO OBVIATE THE NECESSITY FOR THE AD HOC GROUP HAVING TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS PERIODICALLY.

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